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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2006, this Amendment and Response is submitted. A formal request for a one-month extension and payment of fees is made below. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this submission; and

Conclusions begin on page 8 of this submission.